

REMARKS

Claims 83-103 are currently pending in this application. Claim 1 has been cancelled and new claims 83-103 have been added. No new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 5 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

In light of the cancellation of claim 1, this rejection is now moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 5 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Montalescot et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,867,103) in view of Cop et al. (WO 02-00011).

In light of the cancellation of claim 1, this rejection is now moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 83-103 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

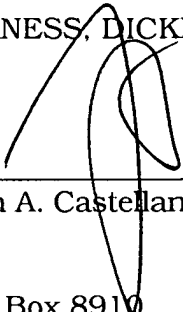
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